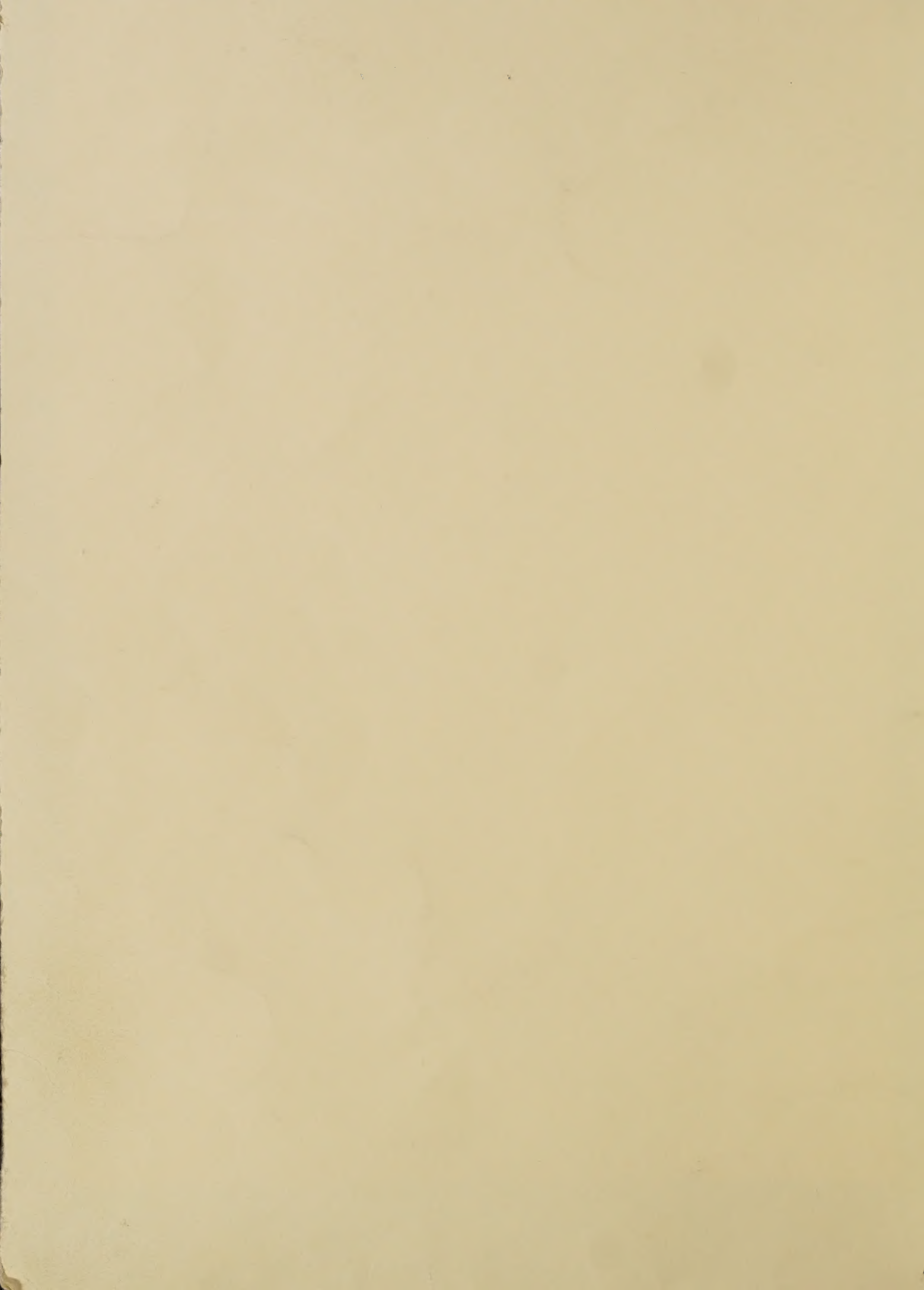


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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	March 1 Number on Feed ¹			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	342	286	84	26	21	81	32	24	75	1	1	100
California	460	450	98	36	51	142	54	48	89	2	8	400
Colorado	1,040	940	90	190	160	84	165	175	106	5	5	100
Idaho	215	195	91	38	36	95	37	40	108	1	1	100
Iowa	520	600	115	62	69	111	61	66	108	1	3	300
Kansas	2,290	2,220	97	420	405	96	375	415	111	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,330	2,350	101	310	365	118	370	370	100	10	15	150
New Mexico	148	³	³	9	³	³	18	³	³	1	³	⁴
Oklahoma	330	355	108	51	54	106	49	62	127	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	240	107	43	52	121	39	44	113	4	3	75
Texas	2,820	2,650	94	430	365	85	410	400	98	10	15	150
Washington	153	168	110	28	30	107	25	27	108	1	1	100
Other States	355	410	⁴	35	57	⁴	47	46	⁴	3	4	⁴
United States	11,228	10,864	97	1,678	1,665	99	1,682	1,717	102	56	68	121

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 19, 2010

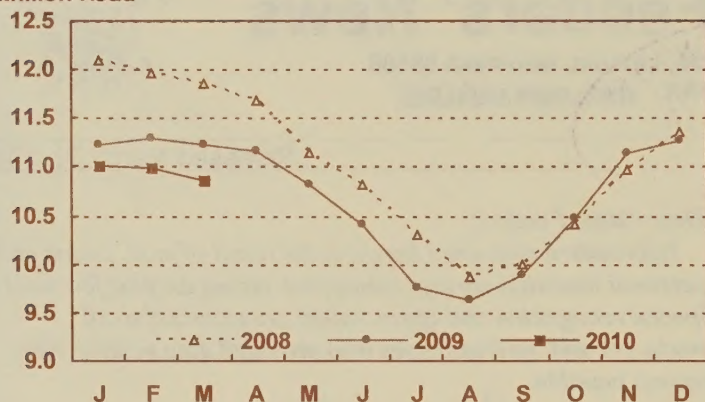
Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	During February									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	20	15	45	35	55	50	70	60	190	160
Kansas	50	50	95	90	165	150	110	115	420	405
Nebraska	50	55	60	80	100	110	100	120	310	365
Texas	100	105	115	95	140	110	75	55	430	365
Other States	100	95	70	65	78	100	80	110	328	370
United States	320	320	385	365	538	520	435	460	1,678	1,665

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed March 19, 2010

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

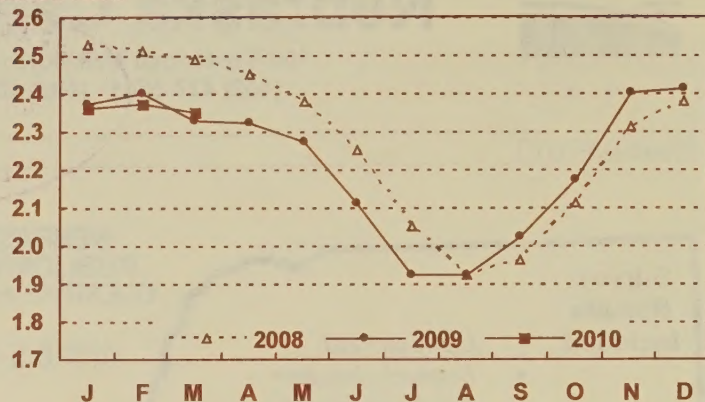
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Feb 2010 % of		Jan - Feb ²		
				Feb 2009	Jan 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 09
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	1,954.5	2,051.1	1,927.2	99	94	4,040.9	3,978.3	98
Veal	10.8	11.3	10.4	97	92	22.5	21.8	97
Pork	1,803.5	*1,797.8	1,745.0	97	97	3,816.4	3,542.8	93
Lamb & mutton	12.2	12.2	11.9	97	97	25.0	24.1	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,780.9	*3,872.4	3,694.5	98	95	7,904.8	7,566.9	96

*Revised. ¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. ³Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter March 26, 2010

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Jan - Feb ¹		Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Jan - Feb ¹	
				2009	2010				2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
Class										
Cattle										
Steers	1,190	1,259	1,191	2,471	2,450	48.0	47.4	47.6	48.0	47.5
Heifers	763	814	805	1,544	1,619	30.8	30.6	32.1	30.0	31.4
All Cows	487	541	470	1,053	1,011	19.6	20.4	18.8	20.5	19.6
Dairy Cows	243	232	223	524	455	9.8	8.7	8.9	10.2	8.8
Other Cows	244	309	247	529	556	9.8	11.6	9.9	10.3	10.8
Bulls & Stags	39	43	37	79	81	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6
Total ¹	2,479	2,657	2,503	5,147	5,160	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	73	82	73	157	154	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,569	*8,563	8,357	18,113	16,920	96.9	96.9	97.0	96.9	96.9
Sows	239	242	229	506	471	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Stags & Boars	33	32	33	68	66	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total ¹	8,840	*8,838	8,619	18,687	17,456	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	8	11	12	17	23	4.9	6.5	7.2	4.8	6.8
Lambs & Yrlngs	161	162	155	331	317	95.1	93.5	92.8	95.2	93.2
Total ¹	169	173	167	348	341	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Revised. ¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter March 26, 2010

U.S. Livestock & Meat Trade

Item	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09
Beef & Veal Imports												
	<i>Carcass wt., thousand lb.</i>											
Australia	86,185	41,158	70,111	103,979	81,065	73,809	70,554	62,413	51,725	65,975	43,227	41,764
Canada	69,336	66,591	72,034	61,588	64,247	68,526	68,555	74,754	66,596	68,528	65,999	65,569
New Zealand	54,120	46,424	57,050	64,161	58,266	62,579	57,332	24,818	14,198	20,425	20,898	37,088
Brazil	20,712	21,546	18,241	17,318	15,364	15,503	19,199	14,982	16,202	13,828	13,183	12,679
Nicaragua	3,979	4,535	8,021	6,746	5,398	6,733	9,339	8,623	8,810	8,257	9,211	9,313
Uruguay	9,950	7,329	10,124	5,232	4,702	4,320	6,163	5,393	5,702	6,124	5,000	6,197
Mexico	4,920	4,692	5,799	5,242	5,608	6,785	5,675	5,268	5,405	5,418	5,082	5,968
Argentina	6,163	4,125	3,588	3,228	1,083	3,181	2,679	3,375	5,165	4,552	3,281	3,352
Costa Rica	1,014	2,073	1,960	1,774	1,496	1,482	2,399	2,176	2,354	1,967	2,265	2,051
Honduras	400	343	400	171	271	57	291	286	742	460	736	574
Other countries	27	238	335	280	174	290	436	591	399	193	223	341
Total	256,806	199,053	247,661	269,720	237,673	243,264	242,621	202,680	177,297	195,728	169,105	184,897
Beef & Veal Exports												
Mexico	45,456	40,343	40,738	41,566	46,263	60,314	54,103	48,354	49,355	43,846	41,897	50,730
Canada	20,744	20,449	23,246	30,266	42,355	38,064	32,782	32,575	33,163	30,566	30,866	27,255
Japan	13,124	13,316	17,208	19,049	26,453	32,216	33,726	30,647	22,185	27,363	22,369	16,920
Vietnam	15,883	15,250	18,419	16,013	9,554	2,985	1,894	7,944	11,033	16,360	18,501	14,878
South Korea	17,237	15,028	9,330	4,896	7,007	8,427	7,693	9,864	7,467	15,000	19,510	19,093
China (Taiwan)	3,581	5,068	5,692	6,710	8,785	7,882	8,447	6,583	7,130	8,606	6,283	9,639
Hong Kong	1,458	2,567	2,730	2,820	6,452	10,021	9,496	8,590	8,311	10,523	10,027	9,260
Egypt	1,829	1,387	750	1,728	1,185	2,044	4,380	6,268	7,031	6,687	4,047	5,615
Other countries	9,315	9,258	14,335	13,222	12,407	12,076	13,863	16,123	16,759	17,531	19,059	15,981
Total	128,626	122,666	132,449	136,271	160,460	174,029	166,385	166,949	162,433	176,481	172,561	169,371
Cattle Imports												
	<i>Head</i>											
Canada	105,152	123,978	144,230	110,745	59,613	56,572	56,542	65,471	87,210	86,177	87,206	78,004
Mexico	49,375	87,941	101,512	78,750	69,927	48,135	43,054	39,182	51,529	97,517	153,929	120,018
Other countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	154,527	211,919	245,742	189,495	129,540	104,707	99,596	104,653	138,739	183,694	241,135	198,022
Cattle Exports												
Canada	1,023	881	2,221	2,819	3,473	3,101	1,694	2,285	2,648	2,366	2,484	2,031
Mexico	319	1,260	550	1,077	1,372	973	2,121	1,452	2,158	2,298	2,038	2,802
Other countries	309	61	279	3,411	256	1,670	1,148	67	2,864	116	1,556	790
Total	1,651	2,202	3,050	7,307	5,101	5,744	4,963	3,804	7,670	4,780	6,078	5,623
Pork Imports												
	<i>Carcass wt., thousand lb.</i>											
Canada	56,756	48,881	59,011	54,167	52,024	51,677	57,440	56,351	56,642	59,078	62,492	63,524
Denmark	9,906	6,795	5,088	7,748	5,941	6,818	8,321	5,440	7,054	7,021	5,025	6,295
Poland	1,482	2,506	3,225	2,161	1,653	2,568	2,051	2,176	2,377	2,077	2,272	2,484
Mexico	1,634	825	1,008	1,086	1,481	1,957	1,698	1,113	1,557	1,457	1,177	1,252
Italy	697	583	683	827	484	844	712	925	847	1,106	1,027	816
Other countries	1,213	1,361	3,739	1,601	987	2,102	1,462	1,692	1,826	1,808	1,669	2,008
Total	71,689	60,952	72,753	67,591	62,569	65,966	71,683	67,697	70,303	72,546	73,661	76,379
Pork Exports												
Japan	114,019	114,556	114,380	119,693	102,831	92,322	113,170	93,297	93,899	112,421	102,819	100,520
Mexico	79,706	68,111	67,578	58,372	49,713	67,154	79,498	82,609	81,294	80,564	81,519	102,654
Canada	31,049	29,445	36,049	26,534	30,683	33,871	32,303	30,888	43,112	35,165	41,817	36,078
Hong Kong	18,434	23,274	21,885	16,647	18,834	21,409	25,126	21,854	27,999	33,433	33,371	32,902
Russia	6,528	23,259	25,125	23,581	40,726	23,264	43,026	14,209	35,176	24,305	20,192	10,169
South Korea	23,328	24,769	32,082	35,693	20,660	14,388	14,187	12,798	13,103	21,972	27,076	18,317
Australia	11,245	12,028	10,256	9,691	12,398	9,636	9,862	11,615	8,564	12,597	9,785	9,671
Philippines	5,312	7,652	7,625	3,595	2,528	7,891	6,228	3,970	6,277	12,764	15,378	11,654
China (Mainland)	5,832	4,891	14,355	18,359	3,161	1,861	1,629	4,316	6,600	6,096	3,923	5,874
China (Taiwan)	4,325	3,838	6,585	4,222	4,928	4,788	5,321	6,539	11,840	9,218	7,989	6,011
Other countries	22,911	29,223	33,593	28,807	20,429	23,266	25,274	25,479	24,674	29,892	39,330	29,865
Total	322,690	341,047	369,511	345,194	306,892	299,849	355,624	307,573	352,538	378,427	383,199	363,715
Hog Imports												
	<i>Head</i>											
Canada	645,434	525,454	589,772	584,372	495,661	534,452	572,773	442,657	502,271	501,727	475,855	494,125
Other countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	645,434	525,454	589,772	584,372	495,661	534,452	572,773	442,657	502,271	501,727	475,855	494,125
Hog Exports												
Canada	253	1,188	2,293	110	186	947	936	445	42	1,755	1,499	644
China (Mainland)	307	21	322	1,251			217	1,452	493	112	74	
Mexico	31	115	687		789	514	52		112	166	95	22
Other countries	729	488	55	729	194	153	73	127	80	497	299	691
Total	1,320	1,812	3,357	2,090	1,169	1,614	1,278	2,024	727	2,530	1,967	1,357

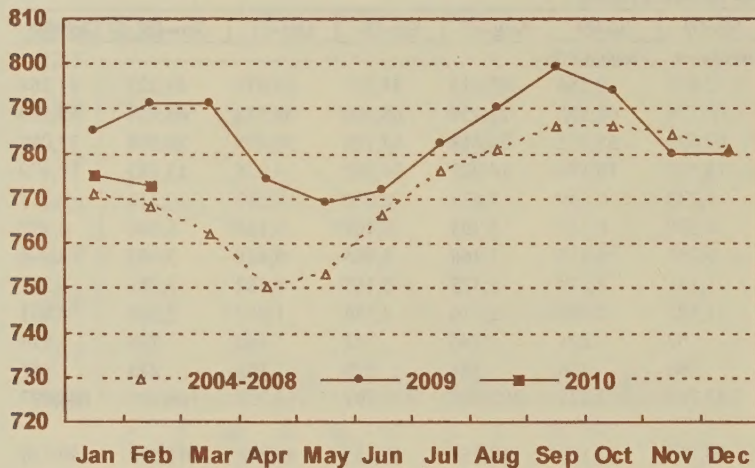
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U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected

Pounds



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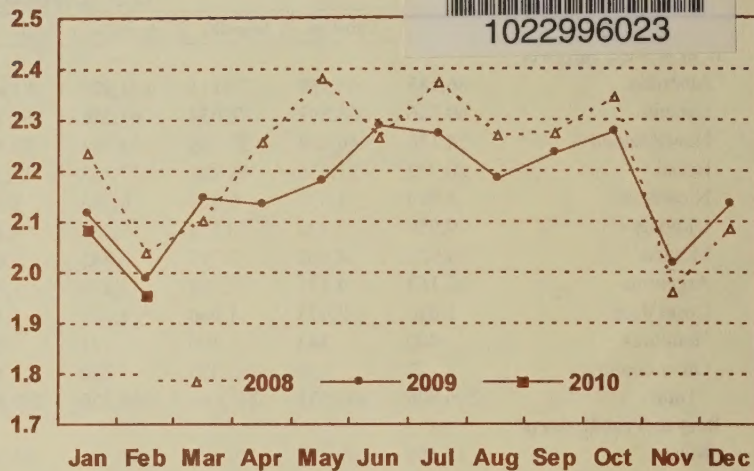
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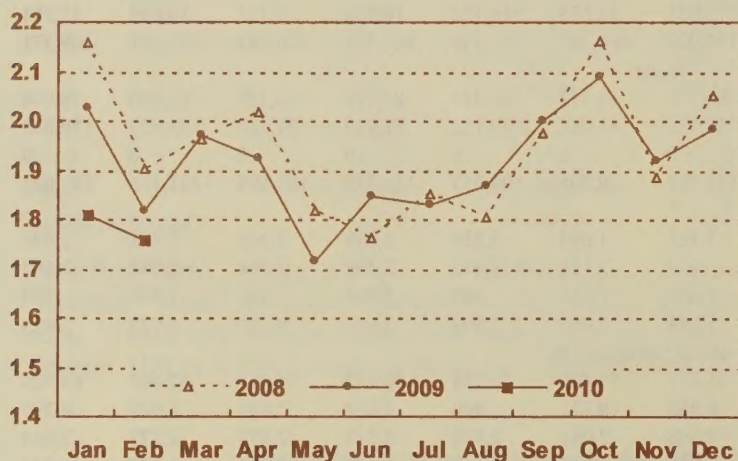
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U.S. Commercial Pork Production

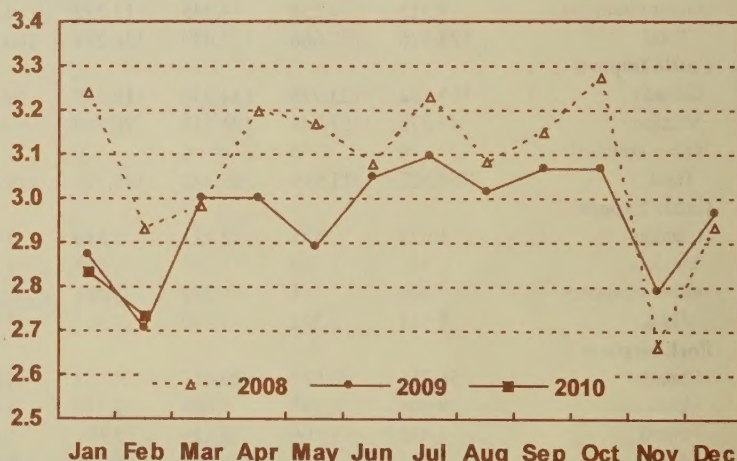
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